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PREFACE.

This paper had its origin in a table, showing the powers of State Railroad Commissions, appended to a thesis for the degree of Master of Arts at the University of Michigan; and in a paper, read before the Political Science Association of the University in 1887, on the subject of Railroad Commissions.

With the encouragement and advice of Dr. Henry C. Adams, I was induced to make a further study of the subject, the results of which are contained in this monograph.

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